

STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

4601 N Monroe Street • Spokane, Washington 99205-1295 • (509)329-3400

May 6, 2009

Mr. Joe Lemire Rabbit Hollow Ranch 110 Highway 261 Dayton, Washington 99328

Re: Ground Water Permit No. G3-29538

Dear Mr. Lemire:

In response to your request, you are hereby granted an extension to put the water to full beneficial use for the reason(s) below:

According to your request, the irrigation system has had capacity issues with the upper elevation fields. You propose to change out a well pump and add a booster pump to fix this situation. According to your request, the pumps will be changed out this year and the water will be put to full use in the 2010 irrigation season. It appears you have made substantial goals in completing your project. Your request is for a reasonable and short period of time. We will grant you an additional two years to complete your project and put the water to full beneficial use. According to the information provided, this will complete your project.

The new deadline to submit your *Proof of Appropriation of Water* is **April 1, 2011**

An approved measuring device shall be installed and maintained for each of the sources authorized by this water right in accordance with the rule "Requirements for Measuring and Reporting Water Use", WAC 173-173. http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wr/measuring/measuringhome.html

Water use data shall be recorded weekly and maintained by the property owner for a minimum of five years. The maximum monthly rate of diversion/withdrawal and the monthly total volume shall be submitted to the Department of Ecology by January 31st of each calendar year.

WAC 173-173 describes the requirements for data accuracy, device installation and operation, and information reporting. It also allows a water user to petition the Department of Ecology for modifications to some of the requirements. Installation, operation and maintenance requirements are enclosed as a document titled "Water Measurement Device Installation and Operation Requirements". http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wr/measuring/measuringhome.html

Department of Ecology personnel, upon presentation of proper credentials, shall have access at reasonable times, to the project location, and to inspect at reasonable times, records of water use, wells, diversions, measuring devices and associated distribution systems for compliance with water law.

You have a right to appeal this decision. To appeal this you must:

- File your appeal with the Pollution Control Hearings Board within 30 days of the "date of receipt" of this document. Filing means actual receipt by the Board during regular office hours.
- Serve your appeal on the Department of Ecology within 30 days of the "date of receipt" of this document. Service may be accomplished by any of the procedures identified in WAC 371-08-305(10). "Date of receipt" is defined at RCW 43.21B.001(2).

Be sure to do the following:

- Include a copy of this document that you are appealing with your *Notice of Appeal*.
- Serve and file your appeal in paper form; electronic copies are not accepted.

1. To file your appeal with the Pollution Control Hearings Board

Mail appeal to:

OR Deliv

Deliver your appeal in person to:

The Pollution Control Hearings Board PO Box 40903 Olympia WA 98504-0903 The Pollution Control Hearings Board 4224 – 6th Ave SE Rowe Six, Bldg 2

Lacey WA 98503

2. To serve your appeal on the Department of Ecology

Mail appeal to:

OR

Deliver your appeal in person to:

The Department of Ecology Appeals & Relief Coordinator P.O. Box 47608 Olympia WA 98504-7608 The Department of Ecology Appeals & Relief Coordinator 300 Desmond Dr SE Lacey WA 98503

3. And send a copy of your appeal to:

Keith L. Stoffel Department of Ecology Eastern Regional Office 4601 N. Monroe St. Spokane, WA 99205-1295

For additional information visit the Environmental Hearings Office Website: http://www.eho.wa.gov. To find laws and agency rules visit the Washington State Legislature Website: http://www1.leg.wa.gov/CodeReviser.

If you have any questions, please contact Dan Tolleson at 509-329-3526.

Sincerely,

Keith L. Stoffel

Section Manager Water Resources Program

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Enclosures: Proof of Appropriation of Water AND Your Right to Be Heard